GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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LICENCE TO PRIVATE OPERATORS .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the licences issued to various private operators to operate basic telephone and cellular services in the country till date, State-wise;

(b) the number of defaulter who have not fulfilled their terms and conditions as on date; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government against them to recover the loss suffered by the Government thereby?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The State-wise details of licences issued to various private operators to operate basic telephone and cellular mobile telephone services in the country till date, are enclosed as Annexure-I & II respectively.

(b) All private licensees of Basic Telephone and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service have cleared their dues except M/s Koshika Telecom Ltd., in respect of its four Cellular Mobile Telephone Service licences in UP(East), UP(west), Bihar and Orissa. As regards performance obligations, six private licensees of Basic Telephone Service and seven private licencees of Cellular Mobile telephone Service, defaulted in fulfilling the committed roll out/coverage obligations.

(c) Government has recovered Liquidated Damages as provided for in the licenceterms & conditions for delay in fulfilling performance commitments and penal interests for delayed payments. Three licences of M/s Koshika telecom Ltd for Cellular Mobile Telephone services have been terminated for the service areas of UP(West), Bihar and Orissa. As regards service area of UP(East), M/s. Koshika Telecom Ltd has started legal proceedings in the High Court of Delhi where a stay order against termination of licence has been granted and the matter is at present sub-judice.

Annexure-I

STATE-WISE LIST OF PRIVATE LICENSEES FOR PROVISION OF BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE

S.No. Name of Circle Name of the private licensees

01. Andaman & Nicobar Island M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
02 Andhra Pradesh M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd, M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
03. Assam NIL
04. Bihar M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
05. Delhi M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd., M/s Reliance Communications Ltd, M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.
06. Gujarat M/s Reliance Telecom Pvt.Ltd.,M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.
07. Haryana M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.,M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
08. Himachal Pradesh M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
09. Jammu & Kashmir NIL
10. Karnataka M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd., M/s Reliance Communications Ltd, M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.

11. Kerala M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
12. Madhya Pradesh M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd., M/s Reliance Communs Ltd.
13. Maharashtra M/s Hughes Tele.com Indian Ltd., M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
14. North East NIL

15. Orissa M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
16. Punjab M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd., M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
17. Rajasthan M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd., M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
18. Tamilnadu M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd., M/s Reliance Communications Ltd, M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.
19. Uttar Pradesh-West M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
20. Uttar Pradesh-East M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.
21. West Bengal M/s Reliance Communications Ltd.

ANNEXURE-II

List of Private Operators issued Cellular Mobile Telephone Service Licences.

S. No.	Service Area (Metro City/ Telecom Circle	Name of Operator
1	Delhi	Bharti Cellular Ltd. Sterling Cellular Ltd. Birla AT&T Communications Ltd.
2	Mumbai	BPL Mobile Communication Ltd. Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
3	Kolkata	Spice Cell Ltd. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd. Reliable Internet Services Limited.
4	Chennai	RPG Cellular Services Ltd. Skycell Communications (P) Ltd. Barakhamba Sales and Services Ltd.
5	Andhra Pradesh	Tata Cellular Ltd. Bharti Mobile Ltd. Barakhamba Sales and Services Ltd.
6	Assam	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
7	Bihar	Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd. + Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
8	Gujaraat	Fascel Ltd. Birla AT&T Communications Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
9	Haryana	Escotel Mobile Communication (P) Ltd. Aircel Digilink India Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
10	Himachal Pradesh	Bharti Telenet Ltd. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Limited.
11	Karnataka	Bharti Mobile Ltd. Spice Communications Ltd. Barakhamba Sales and Services Ltd.
12	Kerala	Escotel Mobile Communication (P) Ltd. BPL Cellular Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
13	Maharashtra	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. Birla AT&T Communications Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
14	Madhya Pradesh	RPG Cellcom Ltd. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
15	N.E.	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Hexacom India Ltd.
16	Orissa	Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd. + Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
17	Punjab	Spice Communications Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.
18	Rajasthan	Aircel Digilink India Ltd. Hexacom India Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.
19	Tamil Nadu	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. Aircel Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
20	UP (W)	Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd. Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
21	UP (E)	Aircel Digilink India Ltd. Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.

22 West Bengal Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.

+ These licences stand terminated.